

## PHILIP LEVINE PAPERS, 1954-1993

**Creator :** Levine, Philip, 1928- .

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### **Biographical Chronology**

#### **Philip Levine, 1928-**

1928 Born, Detroit, Michigan January 10, of Russian immigrant parents, Harry Levine and Esther Gertrude Prisco. Second of identical twins (Brother Edward), older brother Eli.

1928-1955 Grows up in Detroit, works as a machinist and as a manual laborer, achieves formal education.

1933 Father dies.

1946-1950 Granted B. A. Degree from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Spends a good deal of time in the Miles Poetry Room, meets with fellow poets Robert Huff, Paul Petrie, Florence Goodman, William Leach, Ruby Treague, and Bernard Strepeck.

Discovers modern poetry and begins to write his own poems. Ulysses Wardlaw introduces him to the poetry of Whitman.

1951-1953 Marries Patty Kanterman.

1950-1955 Granted M. A. Degree from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Thesis on Keats's "Ode on Indolence." Leaves Detroit for good; completes degree by the mail.

1952 Receives grant for fiction study at University of Iowa Writers Workshop, rejects grant due to financial difficulties.

1953-54 Goes to University of Iowa to study with Robert Lowell. Lack of funds keeps him out of the Writing Program, but he takes a class with poet John Berryman. There he meets several students who would become lifelong friends – poets Henri Coulette, Donald Justice, Jane Cooper, and Robert Dana. The class also includes W. D. Snodgrass, Melvin Walker La Follette, Donald Petersen, Fred Block, Shirley Eliason, William Dickey, and Paul Petrie.

1954 Meets Frances J. Artley (actress and costumer, working on a teaching credential) in Iowa City, and marries her in July, in Boone, North Carolina. Adopts her son, Mark, the following year.

1954-1955 Frances teaches speech and drama at Florida State University while Levine writes and is first published in *Antioch Review*, *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *New Orleans Poetry Review*, *Poetry*, and *Western Review*.

1955 Ray B. West and Paul Engle help procure Levine a job at University of Iowa, teaching technical writing. Son John born that December. Works two years at Iowa, meeting Peter Everwine, Robert Mezey and Ted Holmes, and renews friendships with Coulette, Dana, and Peterson.

1957 Receives M. F. A. from Iowa

1957-58 Jones Fellowship at Stanford, studies with Yvor Winters.

1958 Moves to Fresno, California. Son Theodore Henri born in October.

1963 *On The Edge*, published by Stone Wall Press, Iowa City in a limited edition of 220.

1964 Second Press publishes a paperback trade edition of *On the Edge* 2,000 copies.

1965-1966 Lives in Barcelona, Castelldefels, Spain.

1968 *Not This Pig* published by Wesleyan University Press.

1968-69 Returns to Spain with family.

1970 *Five Detroit's* published by Unicorn Press in a fine press, limited edition. Chosen outstanding professor at Fresno State University.

1971 Chosen outstanding professor in the California State University System. *Pili's Wall* published by Unicorn Press in a fine print limited edition. *Red Dust* published by Kayak Books.

1972 *They Feed They Lion* published by Atheneum.

1973 Awarded first of three National Endowment for the Arts grants in poetry.

1974 Atheneum publishes *1933*. Receives first of two Guggenheim fellowships in poetry. Receives Award of Merit from the National Society of Arts and Letters. Receives the Frank O'Hara Memorial Prize.

1976 *The Names of the Lost* published by the Windhover Press (limited edition) and Atheneum (trade edition). Receives Lenore Marshall Award for *The Names of the Lost*. Cloud Marauder Press publishes *On the Edge and Over, Poems Old, Lost, and New*. Elliston Professor of Poetry at the University of Cincinnati.

1978 Visiting writer for split position at Princeton and Columbia. Returns to Columbia for a semester in 1981 and again in 1984. Writer in Residence at the National University of Australia at Canberra, New South Wales, during the summer.

1979 Atheneum publishes *7 Years from Somewhere* and *Ashes*, which together receive the National Book Critics Circle Award. Graywolf Press publishes an edition of *Ashes*. Translates and publishes *Tarumba, Selected Poems of Jaime Sabines*, with Ernest Trejo. Visiting Writer at Vassar for February and March. Visiting writer at University of California, Berkeley.

1980 Receives The American Book Award for *Ashes*. Receives second Guggenheim Fellowship in Poetry. Visiting Writer at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

1981-87 Teaches fall semesters at Tufts University.

1984 Teaches at New York University. *Selected Poems* published by Atheneum in the United States and by Secker and Warburg in England. Visiting Writer at Brown University. Publishes *Off the Map*, poems of the contemporary Spanish poet Gloria Fuertes, co-translated with Ada Long.

1985 *Sweet Will* published by Athenaeum.

1987 Receives the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize "for distinguished poetic achievements" from Poetry and the American Council for the Arts. Receives third National Endowment for the Arts grant for poetry. Edits *The Essential Keats* for Ecco Press.

1958-87 With Peter Everwine and C. G. Hanzlicek mentors student poets Larry Levis, Lawson Inada, Glover Davis, Roberta Spear, Luis Omar Salinas, David St. John, Herbert Scott, Sherley Williams, Ernest Trejo, James Baloian, B. H. Boston, Dennis Saleh, Dewayne Rail, Roberta Jones, Greg Pape, Gary Soto, Jon Veinberg, Kathy Fagan, Dixie Lane, Jean Jansen, and Robert Vasquez, among others, who are represented in the anthologies *Down at the Santa Fe Depot: 20 Fresno Poets* and *Piecework: 19 Fresno Poets*.

1988 *A Walk with Tom Jefferson* published by Knopf.

1991 *What Work Is*, published by Knopf.

1992 National Book Award and Lost Angeles Times Book prize for *What Work Is*.

1994 *The Bread of Time: Toward an Autobiography* published by Knopf.

1995 Receives Pulitzer Prize for Poetry (*The Simple Truth*). Visiting Professor Vanderbilt University, spring.

2011 Appointed Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress.

Adapted from Buckley, Christopher. "Chronology," in *On the Poetry of Philip Levine*. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 1991, and from other sources.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Philip Levine Papers contain manuscripts of his writings in a variety of stages, including notes and notebooks, manuscript drafts, typescripts, proofs and galleys. Preliminary drafts and typescripts for both published and unpublished poetry are especially numerous. A series of private journals, or diaries are included. A highlight of the papers are the 3,000 plus letters to Levine from a variety of individuals, including Edward Hirsch, Mark Jarman, Donald Hall, Garrett Hongo, Donald Justice, Larry Levis, Robert Mezey, Sharon Olds, David St. John, Gerald Stern, Mark Strand, C. K. Williams and Charles Wright. NB: Two entries contain material that extend into 1994: Manuscripts for poems published in *The Simple Truth*, published 1994, and the RESTRICTED journal of Dec. 1, 1993-Sept. 21, 1994.

### **Series Description**

#### **SERIES 1: Personal Correspondence**

Correspondence arranged by incoming and outgoing, and within that alphabetically by correspondent. Personal and professional letters of Philip Levine. Incoming correspondence is more extensive and significant, including letters from informal literary advisors, other writers and friends. There are, however, long runs of correspondence to his mother, wife, and a variety of friends.

Subseries 1 Incoming Correspondence

Boxes 1-24 Arranged A-Z by named correspondent, chronologically.

Subseries 2 Outgoing Correspondence  
Boxes 25-31 Arranged A-Z by named correspondent or organization.

**SERIES 2: Professional Correspondence**

Arranged A-Z by named correspondent or organization.  
Boxes 32-36

**SERIES 3 : Journals**

**RESTRICTED for the life of Philip Levine and his wife**

Notebooks, diaries, journals, calendars, appointment books, etc. belonging to Levine.  
Boxes 37-39

**SERIES 4: Writings by Levine**

Manuscript and typescript drafts of poems by Levine. The poems (and their respective drafts) are arranged in series, chronologically by date of book in which they were published. Prose Works are treated in the same way.

Boxes 40-60

**SERIES 5: Writings by Others**

Manuscript and typescript drafts sent to Levine for review and comment by other poets, most of whom are his friends. Many of these drafts are still filed with the correspondence, but have not been noted in the finding aid. An effort will be made to remove all poetry drafts from the correspondence, noting the name of the poet who sent them, and to catalog these drafts separately in this series. Separation sheets will be tipped into the correspondence files to indicate that something has been removed to another location.

Box 61

**SERIES 6: Clippings, programs, articles, printed ephemera**

Box 62

ALS = Autograph letter, signed      ANS = Autograph note, signed  
TLS = Typed letter, signed          TNS = Typed note, signed

**SERIES 1: Personal Correspondence**

**Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence**

**Boxes 1-24:** Arranged A-Z by named correspondent, and then chronologically.

Box 1

Ali, Agha Shahid	3 letters	1988-1990
Allen, Terry	6 letters	1984-1990
Anderson, T. J.	5 letters, 1 card	1981-1993

Angell, Roger	2 letters	1974-1991
Atlas, James	1 letter	[n.d.]

### Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)

#### Box 1 (Cont.)

Atwood, William	2 letters	1987-1993
Miscellaneous "A"	4 letters	

#### Box 2

Barker, David	3 letters	1992, [n.d.]
Ben Tov, Sharna	3 letters	1985
Berryman, John	1 letter	n.d.
Bly, Robert	4 letters, 1 card	1969-1980
Booth, Philip	1 letter	1974
Boyle, Kay	2 letters	1976-1977
Broder, Bill	13 letters	1963-1993, [n.d.]
Buckley, Chris	1 letters, 1 postcard	1985
Buckley, Chris	2 letters	1986
Buckley, Chris	6 letters, 3 postcards	1987
Buckley, Chris	8 letters	1988
Buckley, Chris	5 letters	1989
Buckley, Chris	6 letters	1992
Buckley, Chris	3 letters, 1 postcard	1993, [n.d.]
Busch, Frederick	1 letter	1979
Butler, Charles	2 letters	1973-1974
Miscellaneous "B"	16 letters, 1 postcard	

#### Box 3

Carlile, Henri	2 postcards	1986-1987
Carruth, Hayden	4 letters	1963-1969
Carruth, Hayden	6 letters	1972-1974
Carruth, Hayden	4 letters	1986-1992
Carter, Rosalynn	1 letter	1980
Chapman, Abraham	2 letters	1972
Christopher, Nicholas	7 letters	1992-1993
Cole, Richard	4 letters	1986-1987
Coles, Robert	2 letters	1973-1992
Collier, Michael	4 letters	1987-1989
Conoley, Gillian	2 letters, 1 card	1989-1993
Conroy, Frank	2 letters	1987, [n.d.]
Cooley, Nicole	2 letters	1986-1991
Cooley, Peter	4 letters, 1 postcard	1985-1987
Cooper, Jane	6 letters, 1 postcard	1974-1992, [n.d.]
Corn, Alfred	1 letter	1985
Costantini, Flavio	12 letters	1973-1977, [n.d.]

Coulette, Henri	18 letters	1959-1967, [n.d.]
Cowley, Malcolm	1 postcard	1985
Creeley, Robert	1 postcard	1981
Miscellaneous "C"	3 letters	

### Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)

#### Box 4

D'Allesandro, Patricia	2 letters	1981, [n.d.]
Dana, Robert P.	7 letters	1963-1988
Daniels, Jim	4 letters	1966-1987
Daniels, Kate	4 letters, 1 doc.	1987-1989
Davis, Glover	11 letters	1985-1993, [n.d.]
Davison, Peter	4 letters	1972-1993
DiNiord, Chand	6 letters	1991-1993
Derricotte, Toi	6 letters, 1 postcard	1984-1992
Deutsch, Babette	1 letter	n.d.
Dickey, James	1 letter	1985
Digges, Deborah	9 letters, 1 postcard	1987-1992, [n.d.]
Diogo, Rui Crespo	2 letters	1992
DiPiero, Robert	2 letters	1989-1991
Dodd, Wayne	3 letters	1986
Doty, Mark	1 letter, 1 card	1992-1993
Dubiago, Sharon	2 letters	1985-1992
Dove, Rita	1 card, 2 postcards	1970-1987, [n.d.]
Miscellaneous "D"	2 letters, 2 postcards	

#### Box 5

Earl, Martin	2 letters	1991-1992
Elliott, George	2 letters	1962-1974
Emery, Tom	2 letters	1991-1992
Engels, John	5 letters	1986-1989
Everwine, Pete	11 letters	1958-1991
Fagan, Kathy	5 letters, 1 postcard	1986-1993
Ferlinghetti, Lawrence	1 letter, 1 postcard	1973
Finkel, Don	2 letters	1972
Ford, Harry	11 letters, 1 postcard	1970-1984
Ford, Harry	12 letters, 4 docs.	1987-1993
Friedman, Bill	1 letter	1985
Friedman, Jeffery	1 letter	1987
Funkhouser, Erica	4 letters, 1 postcard	1986-1993
Gallagher, Tess	1 letter	1988
Gibson, Margaret	3 letters	1989-1992
Goerner, Lee	1 letter	1989
Goldensohn, Barry	1 letter	1984
Graham, Jorie	2 letters, 1 postcard	[1984]
Gunn, Thom	14 letters, 1 postcard	1961-1992

Miscellaneous "E-G"	13 letters	
Box 6		
Haines, John	6 letters, 1 postcard, 1 en.	1961-1992
Hall, Donald	6 letters	1988
<b>Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)</b>		
Hall, Donald	6 letters	1989
Box 6 (Cont.)		
Hall, Donald	10 letters	1990
Hall, Donald	6 letters	1991
Hall, Donald	11 letters	1992
Hall, Donald	4 letters	1993
Hanzlicek, Chaz	6 letters	1984-1991
Hardwick, Elizabeth	1 letter	[n.d.]
Harper, Michael	6 letters, 5 postcards	1980-1984
Harper, Michael	15 letters, 14 postcards	1985-1986
Harper, Michael	6 letter, 10 postcards	1987-1993
Hartman, Charles	2 letters, 1 postcard	1986-1990
Hawkes, John	3 letters	1984
Hoben, Sandra	3 letters	1993
Holden, Jonathan	6 letters	1987-1992
Hollander, John	2 letters, 1 postcard	1979
Miscellaneous "H"	11 letters	
Box 7		
Hirsch, Edward	6 letters	1983-1984
Hirsch, Edward	10 letters	1985
Hirsch, Edward	8 letters	1986
Hirsch, Edward	13 letters, 2 postcards	1987
Hirsch, Edward	11 letters	1988
Hirsch, Edward	10 letters, 1 postcard	1989
Hirsch, Edward	8 letters	1990
Hirsch, Edward	12 letters	1991
Hirsch, Edward	10 letters	1992
Hirsch, Edward	5 letters, 1 postcard	1993, [n.d.]
Box 8		
Hongo, Garrett	7 letters	1986
Hongo, Garrett	9 letters	1987
Hongo, Garrett	5 letters	1988
Hongo, Garrett	6 letters	1989
Hongo, Garrett	7 letters	1989
Hongo, Garrett	6 letters	1990
Hongo, Garrett	6 letters	1990
Hongo, Garrett	8 letters	1991
Hongo, Garrett	8 letters	1991



Hongo, Garrett	12 letters, 1 postcard	1992
Hongo, Garrett	1 letter	1993
Horman, Elizabeth	1 letter	1974
Horovitz, Michael	1 letter, 1 doc.	1974
Howard, Richard	2 postcards	[n.d.]
<b>Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)</b>		
Hummer, Terry	12 letters	1988-1991
Box 8 (Cont.)		
Hummer, Terry	10 letters	1992-1993
Hugo, Richard	3 letters	1961-1974
Box 9		
Inada, Lawson	1 letter	1979
Isherwood, Christopher	1 letter to Mrs. Levine	1964
Jackson, Murray	1 letter, 1 doc.	1993
Jarman, Mark	17 letters, 3 postcards	1986-1993
Jones, Larry	4 letters	1985-1987, [n.d.]
Justice, Donald	11 letters, 5 postcards	1963-1992, [n.d.]
Box 10		
Kader, David	2 letters, 1 postcard	1988-1992, [n.d.]
Kalstone, David	1 letter	1973
Kennedy, X. J.	2 letters	1962-1971
Kessler, Jascha	4 letters	1963-1964
Kizer, Carolyn	5 letters, 3 cards	1986-1993
Kleinzahler, August	3 letters, 1 postcard	1989-1993
Kogon, Nicolaus	5 letters	1988
Kunitz, Stanley	1 card	1990
Kwint, Lejan	3 letters, 3 cards	1972-1992
Miscellaneous "K"	18 letters	
Box 11		
La Follette, Melvin W.	1 letter	1990
Laux, Dorianne	8 letters, 2 cards	1986-1992, [n.d.]
Lee, Li-Young	25 letters	1985-1992
Lehman, David	3 letters	1989-1990
Leigh, Jim	8 letters	1961-1964'
Leigh, Jim	12 letters	1984-1985
Leigh, Jim	11 letters	1986
Leigh, Jim	11 letters	1987
Leigh, Jim	8 letters	1988
Leigh, Jim	7 letters	1989
Leigh, Jim	7 letters	1992, [n.d.]
Levertov, Denise	2 postcards	[n.d.]
Levine Family	3 letters, 5 telegrams	1954-1993
Levine, Alvin L.	1 letter	1973

Levine, L.	1 letter	1992
Levine, Mark	3 letters, 1 card	1992, [n.d.]
Levine, Philip	1 letter	1985
Lindbloom, Eric & Nancy	2 letters, 1 card	1986-1993
Lux, Tom	6 letters	1984-1986
Long, Ada	3 letters	1985-1987

**Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)**

Miscellaneous "L"	6 letters	
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Box 12

Levis, Larry	2 letters, 1 postcard, 1 mss.	1963-1970
Levis, Larry	6 letters	1972-1974
Levis, Larry	9 letters, 1 telegram	1983
Levis, Larry	3 letters, 1 card	1984
Levis, Larry	8 letters	1985
Levis, Larry	6 letters	1986
Levis, Larry	5 letters	1987
Levis, Larry	4 letters	1989
Levis, Larry	6 letters	1990
Levis, Larry	7 letters	1991
Levis, Larry	5 letters	1992
Levis, Larry	4 letters	1993
Levis, Larry	3 letters, 2 mss.	[n.d.]

Box 13

McAnaly, Mary	1 letter	1973
McBride, Mekela	1 letter	1986
McCormick, Jay	1 letter	1984
McGalliard, John	1 letter	1973
McGrath, Alice	1 letter	1986
McKenna, Rollie	1 letter	1969
McGuire, Michael	2 letters	1986
Maloney, Henry B.	1 letter, 1 doc.	1993
Marchant, Frederick	2 letters	1970-1993
Marcus, Mort	1 letter	1989
Mariani, Paul	11 letters, 1 postcard	1985-1987
Mariani, Paul	5 letters	1988
Mariani, Paul	11 letters	1989
Mariani, Paul	12 letters	1990
Mariani, Paul	12 letters	1991
Mariani, Paul	13 letters	1992
Mariani, Paul	7 letters	1993

Box 14

Matthews, William	4 letters 1 postcard	1973-1993
Matthiessen, Peter	2 letters	1972-1973
Mathis, Cleopatra	1 letter	1993

Mazzocco, Robert	1 letter	1975
Merwin, W. S.	8 letters, 1 postcard	1970-1989
Mewshaw, Michael	1 letter	1988
Mezey, Robert	8 letters	1951-1971
Mezey, Robert	8 letters, 3 postcards	1972-1986
Mezey, Robert	22 letters	undated
Mezey, Robert to Phil	6 letters	undated

**Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)**  
and Frances Levine

Box 14 (Cont.)

Mills, Ralph	2 letters	1972-1974
Milosz, Czeslaw	5 letters	1979-1992
Mitham, Jud	1 letter	1987
Moffet, Penelope	1 letter	[n.d.]
Moorehouse, Frank	2 letters	1979-1988
Moritz, Al	1 letter	1993
Morling, Malena	6 letters	1986-1993
Morris, Wright	1 letter	1983
Moss, Howard	14 letters	1965-1986
Moynahan, Julian	1 letter	1992

Box 15

Nelson, C.	1 letter	1993
Norman, Howard	5 letters	1984-1986
Norman, Howard	9 letters, 2 postcards	1987-1992, [n.d.]
Oak, Colleen	1 letter	1986
Oates, Joyce Carol	3 letters, 2 postcards	1971-1980
Olds, Sharon	7 letters, 1 postcard	1982-1984
Olds, Sharon	4 letters	1985
Olds, Sharon	9 letters	1986
Olds, Sharon	9 letters	1987
Olds, Sharon	4 letters	1988
Olds, Sharon	11 letters, 1 card	1989-1992
Oppen, George	8 letters, 2 docs.	1974-78, nd
Orlen, Steve	1 letter	1985
Orr, Greg	1 letter	1990
Ostergaard, Eric	1 letter	1977

Box 16

Pack, Robert	1 letter	1961
Page, William	2 letters	1987-1992
Pape, Greg	4 letters	1984-1987
Parini, Jay	3 letters	1984-1987
Parker, Stephen	1 letter	1964
Patigian, Lance	2 letters	1984
Peck, Tony	1 letter	1964

Peirce, Kathleen	1 letter	1993
Petrie, Paul	7 letters	1960-1985
Petrie, Paul	6 letters	1986-1988
Petrie, Paul	3 letters	1991-1992
Petrosky, Tony	11 letters	1984-1989
Pinsky, Robert	3 letters	1985-1990
Plumly, Stanley	7 letters	1985-1987
Pugh, Carol	1 letter	1979

### Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)

#### Box 17

Raffel, Burton	1 letter	1974
Ramsey, Bob	1 letter	1974
Raoke, Katerina	1 letter	1983
Ray, David	1 envelope	[1992]
Rector, Liam	9 letters	1985-1988
Redel, Victoria	1 card	1989
Reffe, Candice	2 letters	1985-1987
Reid, Kjersti	1 letter	1992
Reiss, Jim	1 postcard	1984
Rich, Adrienne	5 letters, 5 postcards	1974-1992
Risser, Fred	1 letter	1989
Robbins, Doren	1 letter	[n.d.]
Roberts, Len	1 letter	1974
Rosser, Jill	2 letters	1990

#### Box 18

Sadoff, Ira	7 letters	1985-1986
St. John, David	14 letters, 1 postcard	1983-1986
St. John, David	11 letters, 2 postcards	1988-1993, [n.d.]
St. Martin, Hardie	2 letters	1972-1974
Sampson, Dennis	7 letters	1988-1990
Sampson, Dennis	7 letters	1991-1993
Schevill, James	2 letters	1962-1970
Schneider, Nancy	2 letters	1993
Schultz, Philip	3 letters	1972-1985
Shore, Jane	4 letters	1983-1988
Siems, Larry	2 letters, 1 postcard	1989-1993
Simic, Charles	11 letters	1985-1988
Simic, Charles	9 letters, 11 postcards	1989-1990, [n.d.]

#### Box 19

Simpson, Louis	3 letters	1964-1988
Skinner, Jeffrey	4 letters, 1 postcard	1986-1993
Smith, Arthur	3 letters	1985-1987
Snodgrass, W.D.	5 letters	1961-1990

Snyder, Gary	1 postcard, 1 note	1989
"S" Miscellaneous	29 letters, 1 postcard	
Box 20		
Stern, Gerald	14 letters, 1 pc	1982-1984
Stern, Gerald	13 letters	1985-1987
Stern, Gerald	9 letters	1988
Stern, Gerald	10 letters	1989
Stern, Gerald	10 letters	1992, [n.d.]

### Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence (Continued)

Box 21		
Stemper, Bernard	1 letter, 1 card	1959-1963
Stitt, Peter	4 letters	1985-87
Strand, Mark	9 letters, 1 postcard	1965-1985
Strand, Mark	9 letters, 1 postcard	1986-1992
Strand, Mark	7 letters, 2 postcards	[n.d.]
Svoboda, Terese	4 letters	1989-1993

Box 22		
Trejo, Ernesto	1 letter (frag)	n.d.
Twichell, Chase	5 letters	1987-1993
"T" Miscellaneous	4 letters	var.
Unidentified corresp.	35 letters, 19 postcards	var.
Valentine, Jean	11 letters, 3 pc, 2 docs.	1973-1990
Vendler, Helen	2 letters	1986-1987
"U, V" Miscellaneous	5 letters	

Box 23		
Wakoski, Diane	1 letter	1989
Weaver, Kathleen	3 letters	1973
Weigl, B	2 letters	1991
White, Steven	2 letters	1986-1990
Willard, Nancy	1 letter, 1 postcard	1987
Williams, C. K.	17 letters	1968-1989
Williams, C. K.	12 letters	1990
Williams, C. K.	9 letters	1991
Williams, C. K.	13 letters	1992-1993, [n.d.]
Williams, John	2 letters	1989-1990
Williams, Sherley	2 letters	1970-1985
Winters, Yvor	1 letter	1958
"W" Miscellaneous		

Box 24		
Wright, Charles	18 letters	1983-1985
Wright, Charles	13 letters	1986-1987

Wright, Charles	12 letters	1988-1990
Wright, Charles	7 letters, 3 postcards	1991-1993
Wrigley, Robert	5 letters	1989-1990
Wrigley, Robert	6 letters	1991-1992
Wyrebek, Michele	10 letters	1986-1987
Wyrebek, Michele	6 letters	1988-1993
"Y-Z" Miscellaneous	6 letters	

### **SERIES 1: Personal Correspondence**

#### **Subseries 2: Outgoing Correspondence**

**Boxes 25-31:** Arranged A-Z by named recipient, and chronologically within each name.

Boxes 25-27

Levine to Esther P. Levine		1960-1978
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Box 28

Levine to Larry Levis  
(Gift of Larry Levis)

Box 29

Levine to Harry Ford

Box 30

Levine to Robert Mezey (Purchase, Robert Mezey, 1998)	13 letters, 2 pc	1963-90
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Levine to Robert Mezey (Purchase, Robert Mezey, 1998)	7 letters	n.y.
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Levine to Henri Coulette Includes drafts of "The Dinner Hour"	5 letters	1963-64, n.d.
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Levine to Henri Coulette (Purchase, Robert Mezey, 1998)	10 letters, 1 pc	1960-76
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Levine to Mary and Barnaby Conrad (Purchase, Jaffe, 5/2/94)	1 TLS, 2 TNS	1988-92
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Levine to Rodney Philips Re: Hand of the Poet exhibition at the Berg Collection	1 ALS	Nov. 14, 1996
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Box 31

Levine, Philip to various correspondents

## **SERIES 2: Professional Correspondence**

### **Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence, Professional**

**Boxes 32-36:** Arranged A-Z by named correspondent or organization, and chronologically within each name.

#### Box 32

*Abraxas* 2 letters 1972, 74

Academy of American Poets

### **Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence, Professional (Continued)**

(Elizabeth Kray, Henri Cole) 2 letters, 1 pc 1964, 1987

#### Box 32 (Cont.)

*Agni* (Tom Sleight) 2 letters 1988, 1989

American Academy of Arts and Letters 1 letter 1973

American Book Awards 1 letter 1980

American Literary Anthology

(George Plimpton) 2 letters 1970

*American Poetry Review* (Stephen Berg) 7 letters, 1 poem 1973-1987

American Poets Series 1 letter 1972

Angel Island Publications 1 letter n.d.

*Antaeus*/Ecco Press 6 letters, 1 doc 1973-1987

Aridjis, Homero 2 letters 1987, 1989

Armand, Octavio 1 letter 1980

Arts Council of Great Britain 1 letter 1976

Atheneum 5 letters 1984-1987

*Atlantic Monthly* (Peter Davison) 1 letter, 2 doc. 1993

B. S. A. Motorcycles, Ltd. 1 letter 1963

Bantam Books 1 doc 1968

*Beloit Poetry Journal* 1 letter, 2 docs. 1989

Beyond Baroque Foundation 1 letter 1985

*Big Table* 1 letter 1972

Blackwells, England 1 letter 1983

Boa Editions (Paulin) 1 letter 1989

Borestone Mountain Awards 1 letter 1969

Boston CollegeBoston University Hillel 1 letter 1987

Bread Loaf Writers Conf. (Pack) 1 letter 1985

Bucknell University 2 letters 1985

Caedmon Records 1 contract 1975

Caliban 1 letter 1987

California State Colleges 1 letter 1965

California State University 2 letters 1987

California State Dept. of Justice 1 letter 1986

California State Univesity, Fresno 9 letters 1980-90

Cayuga Community College 1 letter 1984

Central Conference on American Rabbis 1 letter 1972

*Chicago Review* 1 letter 1992

Cody's Books, Berkeley	1 letter, 1 doc.	1987
Conference on Jewish Poetry, Boston	1 letter	1987
Columbia Forum	1 letter	1983
Colorado Endowment for the Humanities	2 letters	1985
Comm. on Int. Exchange of Persons	1 letter	1963
<i>Common Knowledge</i>	1 letter	n.d.
Commonwealth Club of California	1 letter	1982

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<i>Dayton Journal Herald</i>	1 letter	1965
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De Paul University	1 letters	1992-93
Dell Publishing	1 letter	1973
Dial Press	1 letter	1962
Djerassi Foundation	2 letters	1998, 93
Donleavey and Company, Fresno	1 letter	1969
Ecco Press	1 document	1988
Encounter in Israel, 1988.	1 letter	1988
Farleigh Dickinson University	2 letters	1962
<i>Field Magazine</i> (Friebert)	1 letter	1974
Folger Shakespeare Library	1 letter	1987
Fresno State College	4 letters, 2 docs.	1961-65
Gale Research Company	1 letter	1987
<i>Georgia Review</i>	3 letters, 1 pm	1978, 1983
Gettysburg Review (Peter Stitt)	12 letters, 1 doc.	1986-1993
David R. Godine, Publisher	1 letter	1972
Gorbach, Samuel	1 letter, 3 docs.	1984
Graywolf Press	1 letter	1989
J. S. Guggenheim Memorial Foundation	8 letters	1973-89 Harbourfront
Reading Series	6 letters	1992-93
Harper & Row	4 letters, 3 docs.	1970-1988
Harpers	1 letter	1977
Harvard-Wetlake School, L. A.	1 letter	1993
Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich.	1 letter	1987
Homestead Press	1 letter	1974
<i>Hudson Review</i>	8 letters, 5 docs.	1967-1991
<i>Indiana Review</i>	3 letters, 1 doc.	1987-1993
Iowa Writers Workshop	1 document	1974
<i>Jeopardy</i>	1 letter, 1 doc	1971
Johns Hopkins University	1 letter, 1 doc.	1993
<i>Kayak</i> (George Hitchcock)	3 letters	1968-1971
<i>Kenyon Review</i> (T. R. Hummer)	1 ltr. 1 pm 2 docs	1989
<i>Kenyon Review</i> (John Crowe Ransom)	1 letter	1958
Charles H. Kerr, Inc.	1 letter, 1 doc.	1973
Alfred A. Knopf, Publishers	2 letters, 3 contracts	1987-1991



KPFR Radio, Los Angeles	1 letter	1960
Lake Forest (Ill.) College	1 letter	1990
Laguna Poets	1 letter, 1 doc.	1986
Library of Congress	5 letters, 3 docs.	1961-1976
<i>Literary Outtakes</i>	1 letter	1989
<i>Literary Review</i>	1 letter	1962
Living Writers Series (San Diego State U.)	1 letter	1993
Los Angeles Theatre Center	1 letter	1988
MacArthur Foundation	1 letter	1988
Macmillan & Co., New York	2 documents	1985, 1988
<i>Mad River Review</i>	1 letter	1965

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<i>Madrona</i>	1 card	1972
<i>Marxist Review</i> (Lopate, Philip)	1 letter	1978
McGraw Hill	5 letters	1963-1965
<i>Memphis State Review</i>	1 letter	1985
Michaux, Armand	2 letters	1991
<i>Michigan Quarterly Review</i>	3 letters	1985
Minnesota Public Radio	1 letter	1992
<i>Missouri Review</i>	3 letters	1987
Modern Poetry of Western America (William Stafford)	1 letter	1974
Monaco, Richard	2 letters	1970, 1973

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National Book Committee	1 letter, 1 doc.	1973
National Book Foundation	1 document	1993
National Endowment for the Arts	3 letters, 1 doc.	1983-88
Nelson, Cary	1 letter	1992
<i>New American Review</i>	3 letters, 1 doc	1967-1971
New Directions (James Laughlin)	1 letter	1970
<i>New England Review</i>	1 doc	1990
<i>New York Review of Books</i>	1 letters	1967
<i>New York Times</i>	2 letters	1963, 1980
New York City Board of Education	1 letter, 1 doc.	1987
<i>New Yorker</i>	8 ltrs, 5 doc 10 pm.	1967-1979
<i>New Yorker</i>	18 letters, 13 pms	1980-1993
<i>North American Review</i>	1 letter	n.d.
<i>Northwest Review</i>	2 doc	1968, 1971
W. W. Norton	1 letter	1972
Oberlin College	1 letter	1987
<i>Ohio Review</i>	1 doc.	1980
<i>Ontario Review</i> (Joyce Carol Oates)	1 letter, 1 pc	1988, 1989
<i>Pacific Review</i>	1 letter	1989
<i>Paris Review</i>	7 letters	1978-1988

<i>Parnassus: Poetry in Review</i>	1 letter	1980
<i>Partisan Review</i>	2 letters, 1 poem	1980-1985
Peich, Michael	1 letter	1988
<i>Pen Southwest</i>	1 letter	1988
Playwrights Theatre, Boston University	2 letters	1987-1989
Poet Tree	2 letters	1984, 1985
<i>Poeta Mexicanas</i>	1 letter	1987
<i>Poetry</i> (Chicago)	8 ltrs 7 docs 2poem	1960-1987
<i>Poetry East</i> (Richard Jones)	1 letter	1980
<i>Poetry Flash</i>	1 letter	1992
Poetry Northwest	1 letter	1967
Poetry Society of America	1 letter 1 doc.	1981

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Polaroid Corp. Close Up	1 document	1993
Porter Fund, Little Rock, Arkansas	1 letter	1992
Princeton University Library	1 letter	1993
Princeton University Press	1 letter	1993
Pressler, Larry (Senator, So. Dakota)	1 letter	1992
Providence College	1 letter	1991
Pulitzer Prizes (The)	2 letters, 1 doc.	1986

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<i>Quarry West</i>	2 letters	1988, 1993
Random House	2 letters	1973, 1984
<i>Rolling Stone</i>	1 letter	1972
Romer, Stephen	1 letter	1986
Rotterdam Arts Foundation	1 letter	1973
<i>Rune</i>	1 letter	1970
San Francisco Foundation	1 document	1961
San Francisco State College Poetry Center (Kathleen Fraser)	1 letter	1973
<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>	1 letter	1962
Scott-Foresman Publisher	1 letter	1967
Secker & Warburg	2 letters	1984
Seizure	2 letters	1978
Sierra Junior High School, Fresno	1 letter	1972
Smith, Jim	1 letter	1992
Spectrum (Sam Hamil)	1 letter	1972
Sotheby's, New York	1 letter	1983
Stanford University Libraries (William McPheron)	4 letters	1988-1991
Stonewall Press (Kim Merker)	1 letter	1962
<i>Story</i>	1 letter, 1 doc.	1992
Student Non Violent Coord. Committee	1 letter	1965
<i>Suenos</i>	2 letters	1971

Terkel, Studs	1 letter	1987
<i>Threepenny Review</i>	3 letters	1991-1993
<i>Time Magazine</i> (Harry Mattison)	1 letter	1987
Tucson Writers Conference	1 letter, 1 doc.	1984
Tufts University	1 letter	1980
Turrett Books	2 letters	1969
U. S. Dept. of Human Services	1 document	1987
U. S. Informtion Agency	1 letter, 1 doc.	1984
University of Alabama	1 letter, 1 doc.	1985
University of Alabama, Birmingham	1 letter	1980
University of California, Berkeley	2 letters	1977
University of California, Los Angeles	1 letter	1989
University of California, Santa Cruz	1 letter, 1 doc.	1970

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University of Illinois Press	1 letter	1992
University of Iowa Press	1 letter, 1 doc.	1971
University of Michigan Press	5 letters, 2 docs.	1980-1990
University of Maine, Orono	2 letters	1992
University of Missouri	1 letter, 1 doc.	1972
University of Montana (Richard Hugo)	2 letters	1974
University of Pennsylvania	1 letter	1973
University of Utah	1 letter	1972

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University of Washington	3 letters	1972-1974
Unicorn Press	5 letters, 5 docs.	1967-1983
Vanderbilt, Kermit	1 letter	1987
<i>Vanderbilt Poetry Review</i>	1 document	1977
Wayne State University	5 letters	1976-1992
Wesleyan University Press	15 letters, 7 doc.	1967-1988
WHYY Radio, Philadelphia	1 letter	1990
The White House	2 notes	1980
Whitman, Carol Lee	1 letter, 1 doc.	1984
Writers International Network	1 letter	1993
Woodrow Wilson Foundation	2 letters	1992, 1993
The Writers Voice (Jason Shinder)	3 letters, 1 doc.	1987-1993
Wofford College	1 letter	1989
<i>Zyzzyva</i>	3 letters, 1 doc.	1989-1993

**SERIES 3: Poetry notebooks; expense journals; personal journals; calendars**

**Boxes 37-39**

Box 37

4 vols.

1. "Poetry journal, Drafts of poems, Spain '68 Box 1 item 6". Title on white label affixed to front of spiral notebook with blue covers. Includes 2 p. about Paris [leaf 2]. Final page with autograph inscription in black pen: "Notebook from Fuengirola, Spain. October '68-June '70." 5 leaves of typescript poetry on unlined paper laid-in: "The Wife of the Foundry Worker," with autograph emendations, 1 p.; "Fist," with autograph emendations, 1 p.; "Fish Head Found On the Beach Near Malaga," autograph emendations and with autograph stanza, 1 p.; "The Room," 1 p.; "Holding On," 1 p.; and with 4 leaves of poetry torn out and laid-in.
2. "1972 Expense journal." Includes lists of poems submitted for publication, and typescript drafts of two poems laid-in ("Lilacs," 1 p. "Texel," 2 p.) Orange covered, spiral notebook.
3. [Expense Journal, 1974] ("This being a day by day accounting of the expenses of Philip Levine & His wife & son Teddy on their trip to Europe in Search of Poetry"). Bound notebook with red cloth spine, green and black mottled paper pasted to boards,

### **SERIES 3: Notebooks (Continued)**

and with rectangular, blue-bordered label, with Levine's name and address in center, in black pen, in Levine's hand.

4. Notepad, undated. Lists of poems submitted to journals, including 2 leaves of note paper laid-in. Green-covered, vertically-opening notepad ("Walker's 80 sheet Pad"), with two holes punched in left-hand margin of covers and leaves.

Box 38 RESTRICTED for the lifetime of Philip and Frances Levine

4 Journals

May 27, 1974-Jan. 31, [1975]

February 20, 1975 - January 27, 1976

Jan. 28, 1976-July 19, 1977

Aug. 2, 1977-June 9, 1982

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6 Journals

June 13, 1982-April 15, 1983

April 18-Sept. 1, 1983

Sept. 2, 1983-Aug. 10, 1986

Aug. 13, 1986-Sept. 20, 1989

Nov. 1, 1989-Aug. 1992

Aug. 7, 1982-July 1991 ("Not a Journal. Memories and Fragments"; mostly undated)

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2 Journals

Aug. 23, 1992-Dec. 1, 1993

Dec. 1, 1993-Sept. 21, 1994

### **SERIES 4: Works by Philip Levine**

**Boxes 40-55:** Manuscripts

Box 40

Manuscripts for poems published in *On the Edge*, 1963

Manuscripts for poems published in *Not This Pig*, 1968

Manuscripts for poems published in *Red Dust*, 1971

Manuscripts for poems published in *The Feed They Lion*, 1972

Box 41

Manuscripts for poems published in 1933, 1974

Box 42

Manuscripts for poems published in 1933, 1974

Box 43

Manuscripts for poems published in *The Names of the Lost*, 1976

#### **SERIES 4: Works by Philip Levine (Continued)**

Box 44

Manuscripts for poems published in *Ashes*, 1979

Manuscripts for poems published in *7 Years from Somewhere*, 1979

Box 45

Manuscripts for poems published in *One for the Rose*

Manuscripts for *Selected Poems*, 1984

Box 46

Manuscripts for poems published in *Sweet Will*, 1985

Manuscripts for poems published in *A Walk with Tom Jefferson*, 1988

Box 47

Manuscripts for poems published in *What Work Is*, 1991

Box 48

Manuscripts for poems published in *The Simple Truth*, 1994

Box 49

Manuscripts for individual poems, uncollected, unpublished or unidentified

Box 50

Manuscripts for individual poems, uncollected, unpublished or unidentified

Box 51

Translations by Levine

Translations of Levine

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Prose Works *The Bread of Time*

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Prose Works *The Bread of Time*

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Prose Works Miscellaneous

Box 55

Prose Works, Miscellanous

### **SERIES 5: Work by Others**

Box 56

Manuscript and typescript drafts sent to Levine for review and comment by other poets, most of whom are his friends. Many of these drafts are still filed with the correspondence, but have not been noted in the finding aid. An effort will be made to

#### **SERIES 5: Work by Others (Continued)**

remove all poetry drafts from the correspondence, noting the name of the poet who sent them, and to catalog these drafts separately in this series. Separation sheets will be tipped into the correspondence files to indicate that something has been removed to another location.

### **SERIES 6: Printed Ephemera, including Clippings, Programs, Articles, etc.;**

#### **Photographs**

#### **Boxes 57-58**

Box 57

Printed ephemera

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Photographs